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INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

EX-TRUSTEE J. H. SMITH GIVES HIS VIEWS. IMPORTANT FACTS DEVELOPED.

To the Editor of the Bee:

Dear Sir.—

In pursuance of your request I will, in brief, give my views on the subject of manuel training, or as termed "industrial education." It is with considerable reluctance I consent to inflict upon the public my views upon any subject through the medium of a newspaper, or any other source, nor would I consent at all for the purpose only of having my theories or speculations appear in public print; but hoping I might stumble upon an idea or perhaps present some suggestion which might contribute to the practical working out of this scheme of education, is the reason for the appearance of this paper.

During my experience as a school officers in this District, I frequently visited the schools in my division for the purpose of ascertaining their practical working, and to discover if possible how best to improve their efficiency, believing that it was not the duty only of the school guardian or trustee, to drift along the old beaten path, but to develop and improve the system, and thus keep pace with the growth of the science of education.

I noticed frequently during my visits to the schools that the first four grades were usually full in attendance, and that the proportion of males and females was about equal; but when I reached the 5th grade I found the girls considerably in excess to the boys and as I travelled toward the higher grades this disproportion continued to increase, until the highest grades in some of the buildings in my division contained only so many boys as I could count upon the fingers of my hands. This condition seemed to me to be a serious one, and so I consulted some of the school officers or teachers to ascertain why so few boys were found in the higher grades. The best and about the only reason they could give me, was that the parents withdrew them, as they were too poor to keep them in school. I then consulted some of the parents, and in reply to my inquiries, they would say, if I keep my boy in school what is there for him to do when he graduates. He cannot teach school here, there is no place for him in the city, and but few in the county, I cannot let him stay in school with no prospects for the future, he must come out and go to work. And pray what work can you get for him to do, would be my inquiry, and the answer would invariably be, perhaps I can get a job for him to drive for some doctor, or drive a cart, or work in the brickyard. The reason why, I could count the boys in the 8th grade schools upon the fingers of my hands, seemed to be, there was nothing in the future for them to do. This was a serious consideration and the question presented itself to me, was there a fault in our present system of public education and if so, what was the remedy? I thought perhaps if we open the city and county schools alike to competition for teacherships making no distinction as regard the sexes, this might, to some extent, be an inducement for the boys to remain in school, and so I consulted some of my colleagues on this subject, but they did not seem to take to the idea, and talked to me about some kind of unwritten law on this subject forbiding the appointment of males to the city schools. That reason or practice gave did not impress me as being wise and I appointed a young man from the county principal of one of the city schools as a beginning in this direction. Upon further consideration however I came to the conclusion that this method would not solve the problem, or remove the difficulty.

The idea then of manual training presented itself to me. I had read some little on the subject, and consulted Judge McArthur and others who had large experience in this branch of education, and I thought if the system had been made a success in Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, and likewise in several of the large cities in the states of this Union, it might with profit be incorporated in our common school system of public education. To test this question I introduced a resolution in the Board of School trustees, to incorporate manuel training as a part of the course of study in the public schools of the District of Columbia. This resolution was referred to a Committe "of which I was made chairman" for investigation and report. I subsequently reported the resolution back with recommendation that it be adopted, which was done and a recommendation was made by the Board to the Commissioners to urge Congress to appropriate the sum of five thousand ($5000) to establish this system. I left the Board before any action had been taken by Congress—but before leaving inaugurated some voluntary efforts in the line of sewing, printing, etc. I have since been advised that an approriation of five thousand dollars ($5000) was made, and that the white schools about absorbed that sum.

The one thing more than another that suggested manual training to me, was to provide ways and means to keep the colored boys in school, and I believed that by making this system of education a special branch of training for the colored youth I would succeed. I do not believe in class legislation. I believe in giving the boy or the girl, be they white or black, that kind of training that will best fit them to engage in the active duties of life. The colored boy particularly needs this training, and it must be given him through the medium of the common school, since all other avenues are closed to him on account of prejudice, and restriction of the trade unions. There is no way for a colored boy to become a skilled artisan or mechanic. All the avenues are wide open to the white boys, to receive practical manual training in the workshops, &c., after they have received a liberal education in the public schools. As organized it is not remarkable that you have a full battalion of boys in the white schools of this District receiving the benefits of this system and hardly a corporals guard in the colored.

It would have been a happy thing for the colored members of the School Board, and the executive officer of the colored schools if they could have influenced the expenditure of the five thousand dollars ($5000) approriated in the establishment of a plant for the manual training of the colored youth in the public schools of this District. I am satified by experience and observation, and I do not hesitate to state here, that manuel training is a system of education, which is an absolute necessity for the colored schools of this District, and that it should be established even at the expense of some of the higher grades.

I do not know whether the white schools have organized any system or method of industrial education, I am pretty sure the colored schools have not. A little scroll work here and a little sewing there and the alike, will not suffice; to succeed there must be a system established as broad and as thorough as that of intellectual training. Let the pupil for example go through the several grades say up to the 6th, and let him then elect to continue on through the higher grades and through the High school, or branch off into whatever trade his inclination leads him and the school afforded. Have a system. Lay a foundation first in intellectual training, and when the pupil has reached a certain grade, commence the training of the hand and eye. Again, to make this system a success let our school guardians and officers, seek light from the experience of others, let them visit the great Cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston and visit the schools established at these places and thus see the practical working of the scheme and the construction of the Plant.

In conclusion permit to say, the education of our boys is an important question from a social standpoint. What becomes of the boys in our public schools, the teacher says they stop because the parent is too poor to keep them in school, the parents say they take them out of school because there is no future for them and therefore must put them to work. How many work, and how many drift into idleness. When I say the percentage of crime is very large among the colored people in this District in propotion to the population, do you think I make an extravagant statement, and if I go a step further and tell you that a large majority of that number are youths and young men ranging in age from 16 to 25 and that an examination of your school Registers will show that a majority of them once figured as pupils in the public schools. Does this not suggest the inquiry, is our present system a failue?

JAMES H. SMITH.

Sound Advice.—We conscientiously recommend our readers to try Salvation Oil in all cases of rhumatism. Sold by all druggist for 25 cents a bottle.

An errand boy in a Philadelphia fancy store has just been left $5000,000, but it is thought that he will die early of consumption. There is nothing better for your children that are daily exposed than a spoonful or two of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

CRAPE ON THEIR DOORS.

Several colored men who worked for the democrats at the polls yesterday found crape on their doors when they got up this morning. In some instances it created considerable excitement by their colored neighbors seeing the crape and supposing that there had been a sudden death in the family. [*Alexandia Gazette*]

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MR. DOUGLASS' POSITION.

In justice to the Hon. Frederick Douglass, to correct an erroneous impression which has gone forth, we think a true statement should be made of his position in relation to the action of the Commissioners in selecting the building on 4½ st., as a location for an industrial school for colored children. At the indignation meeting held at Israel C. M. E. Church, Mr. Douglass said, "There was a very strong feeling that the commissioners, in proposing to establish a school at the corner of 4½ street, have acted in obedience to a sentiment and feeling of prejudice against the colored race. He protested against any prejudice against race or color operating, and had no apology to offer in defence of their action. The government had inscribed over the gateway of its constitution that there should be no discrimination between the citizens of the United States on the ground of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, and the commissioners were bound to act in harmony with the constitution. The denunciation of their action, as shown by the meeting, showed the colored people were cultivating manly sentiments. So far he was in full sympathy with the object to be attained. On the other hand, it was possible for a man to walk on the same street with an infamous character, and yet be as far apart as the poles. Jesus himself was often found in disreputable places, and among sinners. He believed the sentiments expressed should not hurt the honest and sincere efforts to benefit fellow citizens, now being made in that locality."

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In addition to the above, it is but just to state that the building at the corner of 4½ st., has been purchased, and is the property of the "Minor School Fund"; that it was, and is the intention of the trustees of that fund, to open an industrial school in their building, and to do all in their power to elevate and instruct the children, not only of that immediate vicinity, but throughout the city; and while Mr. Douglass condemned the action of the commissioners in trying to force this particular building upon the people, against their earnest protest, he was particularly anxious that nothing should be said or done at the meeting that would counteract or injure the missionary work contemplated by the trustees of the Miner School Fund, in that locality.

THE CITIZENS PROTEST,

A greater insult has never been offered to the colored people than the selection of Mary Hall's house of prostitution for the colored children for school purposes. We are not inclined to believe that Col. Webb is a party to this diabolical act of the trustee board. Mr. Ross Fish who set up a slimsy pretext that the Miller building was too damp or that the rent was too high has been sufficiently answered by Mr. Augenstein. We have never listen to better speeches than those made by Ex-trustee John H. Brooks and Rev. W. H. Brooks at the meeting on last Monday night. There was no uncertain sound to what they said; they were not the attorneys nor were they trustees of the minor fund, but citizens who came to the meeting to denounce this infamous outrage on our colored citizens. We are confident that Col. Webb will not insist on having a colored industrial school at a place against the will of the people. We know that he has too much respect for them.

The colored people have come to this conclusion and he might as well understand it now, that they want equal school facilities; school houses as good and in respectable vacinities, that the board of school trustees must not attempt to carry out the prejudices of a mean set of white people and so far as Mr. Ross Fish is concerned, we don't believe that any man should be a member of the school board who is employed under the Ditrict Commissioners. We believe that it would be more to the credit of the Cpmmissioners to remove Mr. Fish from the school board.

A FAIR THING IS A PRETTY THING.

It seems that the authorities at the Providence Hospital, professionl and scholarly though they be, are still troubled with a disease which they seem unable to cure—colorphobia. Through the courtesy of Dr. Reyburn, who is one of the Surgeons in charge of the hospital, extended to the members of the medical college of Howard University an invitatition to visit the clinics at Providence Hospital. Of course there has been a large attendance on the part of the members of the Howard students, the result of which was a vigorous "kick" on the part of the Providence Hospital authorities, the same having been stimulated by, it is said, the National and Georgetown schools. Dr. Reyburn, fought nobly and is still fighting to permit colored visitors (for the matter is evidently one of color) to attend the clinics, but as yet without success. He is hopeful and will communicate the result of his fight at an early day. We deplore this manifestation of prejudice from such sources, and cannot but contrast the spirit of Howard University, which is essentially colored but which admits within its scope all races without distinction, with the mean and spiteful spirit which is prompting the opposition of the Providence Hospital. The hospitals above mentioned are supported by Congress, and it would not be amiss if the fact of these distinctions was vented. We applaud the action of Dr. Purvis in his disposition to ignore the matter, and to act in the manly spirit which has hitherto characterized his administration of the affairs at the hospital. He can afford to be magnanimous, even though his brothers in white cannot find it in their hearts to be so.

It is the general impression that C. H. J. Taylor, was asked to resign. If he were not, it is a God send that Liberia and the United States are relieved of this gas bag.

On our first page is a paper from ex-trustee Jas. H. Smith on Industrial Education, which should be read by everybody. Mr. Smith has given his individual attention to this subject and is competent to enlighten those who are ignorant of the subject. No man is more qualified to deal with this subject than our ex-trustee.

The notorious lie that C. H. J. Taylar told in this office about ex-minister J. H. Smythe, on investigation turns out to be another one of the false statements which he has made about reputable people in this city. Mr. Taylor will find out that he has entered a bees hive before he leaves this city.

Fred. Douglass is trying to have the 800,000 colored votes cast solidly for the republican party. Mr. Douglass, you will have to close all the school houses and institutions of learning, and keep them in ignorance, as they were twenty years ago, in order to succeed. The colored people now have intelligence enough to vote their own sentiments and for their best interests.—Little Rock *Sun*.

Yes Brother Bailey, and just enough to make fools of themselves.

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

WILL THE DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE REMOVE PROF. LANGSTON? THE VIRGINIA NEGROES INDIGNANT. MARY HALL'S HOUSE OF ASSIGNATION. MR. DOUGLASS, &C.

We understand that the democratic Virginia legislature will attempt to remove Prof. Prof. John M. Langston, from the presidency of the Petersburg Normal and Collegiate Institute. If any attempt on the part of the democratic legislature is made in that direction, it will show bad faith, and the declarations that they have made in that direction will turn out as was predicted by the republicans prior to and during the campaign. Prof. Langston has made the institution more than what it has ever been.

Editor Mitchell, of the Richmond *Planet*, was in the city Tuesday, and in conversation with him he said, that the colored voters of the state, democrats and republicans, will protest against the removal of Mr. Langston. Editor Mitchell no doubt speaks the sentiment of the colored voters of the state, and we are of the opinion that the democratic legislature cannot afford to remove an educated colored gentleman and appoint an ignorant white democrat at the head of the school. Governor Lee, should veto any bill passed by the legislature looking to the removal of Mr. Langston. The defeat of Mr.

WM. MAHONE

in the state of Virginia, has no doubt convinced him that he cannot afford to throw such men as Gen'l Brady, Cameron and others overboard. He must also understand that bossism in this country is about at an end. Mahone's autocratic ruling has caused the state to be lost to the republicans three times. It is about time now to retire Mr. Mahone from the republican party in the state, unless he feels like falling in as a high private in the ranks of republican leaders. We understand that Mahone is endeavoring to establish a white man's party in the state. It looks that way. Mahone looks more after his individual interest than he does after the interest of the state. He is ambitious and he doesn't fail to telegraph his success throughout the North as Mahone's victory. Such men are detrimental to any party. Mahone is opposed to Prof. Langston because Prof. Langston will not allow him to dictate to him. Prof. Langston is not a man of that kind. He cares no more for a white man than a white man cares for him; he is a man who demands respect, and if the colored people want a representative in congress, let them send John Mercer Langston.

Mr. Brooks gave them all to understand that the colored people did not intend to tolerate or any such treatment by the Commissioners, nor the board of school trustees.

A MASS MEETING OF COLORED CITIZENS.

THEY PROTEST AGAINST COLOR PREJUDICE. PARENTS REQUESTED NOT TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO MARY HALL'S. MR. DOUGLASS.

A meeting of colored citizens was held last Monday evening at Israel M. E. Church, 1st and B sts. southwest, to protest against the using of the house at the northwest corner of Maryland avenue and 4½ sts., known as Mary Hall's for a colored industrial school. The attendance, which numbered about 200, included representative colored men from every section of the city. Mr. E. S. Atkinson was called upon to preside and J. D. Baltimnre was elected secretary. Rev. R. S. Williams opened the proceedings with prayer. The chairman referring to the small attendance, explained it by saying that in several churches the people were so engaged that they could not come. They however, would not falter, for their cause they believed was just. They were satisfied that the colored people of the District were opposed to the renting of the house in question. The white schools, he said, have good surroundings, but they want to put a colored school in an undesireable neighborhood to aid missionary work. If it desired to elavate the neighborhood, it should be done by missionary work and not by the school money. The colored people do not want their children exposed to such immoral influences as are to be found about Maryland avenue and 4½ street. Rev. R. H. Williams, Noble Snowden, Rev. W. H. Draper, Alfred Stevens, J. C. Hart, Frederick Douglass and J. H. Brooks were appointed a committee on resolutions.

WHY THEY OBJECT.

During the absence of the committee Rev. Mr. Scott made an address, saying that no man with respect for himself was willing to send his child to a building with such a history.

Rev. R. S. Laws said it was the duty of the colored trustees in the school board to protect the interest of their race, and if they did not they should be held responsible. The white people, he said, would not send their children to such a place as proposed. "Let colored citizens," he said, "demand a proper place, and let the Commissioners know that we will not let our children live in white people's filth." They should, he said, let the Commissioners know that the colored citizens of South Washington will not allow their children to go to such a place.

W. Calvin Chase said that the facts were that the colored trustees opposed the report, and he believed that there had been misrepresentation in the matter. Mr. Augenstein the owner of the Miller building, stated that the white people objected to colored children going there, and Mr. Fish said it was too damp. The colored trustees, he said, did all they could to secure the Miller building.

MRS. STROUD OBJECTS TO A NAME.

Mr. Atkinson remarked that the Mary Hall building, in which they propose to place the school, now has a free dispensary in it.

Mrs. Stroud, one of the Minor fund trustees, who was present, here said: "It is the building owned by trustees of the Minor fund and there was no Mary Hall building."

"Are you aware, madam, of the surroundings?" asked Mr. Chase.

"Yes," said Mrs. Stroud, "for recently I was called to sign an application for a license, and the party said she knew that I would not sign, but she was compelled to comply with the law, and she informed me that there was seven other such applications to come." They proposed to do the work, she said, to save the children, and there were hundreds of such in that neighborhood who should be rescued.

Mr. Chase said their principal objection was the effort of the trustees to place the colored people wherever they pleased. He admitted the building was excellently adapted to missionary work, for it is bounded on the east by courtezans and on the north by Louse alley, and is the lowest spot in the city.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The committee reported the resolutions as follows:

WHEREAS, the Common Schools of this District are established and authorized by law, and supported from approriations made by Congress for the equal benefit of all the youth of the Country, resident in this District, and,

WHEREAS, by authority of law nine (9) Trustees of Public Schools are appointed, who constitute the common school for the District of Columbia—representing all classes of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the chief executive power and duty of administration of the local Government are vested in a Board of three Commissioners; now therefore Be It Resolved by the colored citizens of the U. States, resident in the D. C., In Mass Meeting assembled: that as the U. S. Congress has established Common Schools for the equal benefit of the youth of this District, we respectfully demand a faithful and impartial administration of said laws, by the executive and administrative part of the Government in letter and spirit—free from the unholy prejudice on account of race and color, which has in the past disgraced our country.

RESOLVED, That we earnestly request the Commissioners not to adopt a policy of treating the colored Public Schools as Missionary Schools, and different from other public schools in this District.

RESOLVED, That while we favor all missionary labor, looking to the improvement of bad localities in the city and reclaiming the vicious characters among us, to the walks of virtue and respectability.

RESOLVED, That the public schools are institutions of the State authorized by law and maintained by appropriations for their common support for the equal benefit of all.

RESOLVED, That the refusal of the Public School Trustees to rent a building for school purposes because a few people residing in the locality made to its use for colored children is deeply regretted and heartedly condemned.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of a majority of the School Trustees that the house Cor. of 4½ street and Maryland avenue be rented for school purposes and for the accommodation of colored children is most earnestly disapproved; the refusal of a majority of the Board to rent a building conveniently located in a respectable neighborhood, and recommending the renting of another, inconveniently located in a most disreputable part of the city, against the solemn protest of the respectable colored people was an unkind act, regardless of right and justice and in total defiance of the wishes of the Colored citizens of this District.

RESOLVED, That the classification of all the colored people, without regard of their social station, education and intelligence and means of support, as proper subjects for missionary effort among the fallen and victims of vice, is an insult deliberately offered, and we hurl the imputation back upon those who, in the name of doing good among the low victims of a vicious life, seek to class all of the colored people as among such people and are endeavoring to induce the Comsioners to divert the school funds to the support of private mission stations to suit their narrow and prejudiced views of the colored people.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the Honorable Commissioners that the people who are now endeavoring to induce them to divert the public school funds to the support of private missionary work, and to make distinctions in the administration of the affairs of the public schools between the white and colored children, be informed that the funds of the public schools cannot be diverted to support private missionary work however meritorious and that no distinction in the administering of school affairs will be permitted by them in the discharge of their lawful duties as Commisioners.

RESOLVED, That we respectfully request that the school house known as the "Miller School House" be rented for school purposes.

RESOLVED, That a committee of seven be appointed to present a copy of these preambles and resolutions to the Honorable Commissions of the District.

MR. CHASE'S AMENDMENT.

RESOLVED, That, if the Commissioners continue the lease of the Mary Hall building for the industrial school for colored children, the colored people of the District of Columbia are requested not to send their children there.

Mrs. Stroud moved to strike out "Mary Hall building."

Mr. Jesse Lawson having remarked that he thought it proper to protest against the selection of the Mary Hall building, Mrs. Stroud again insisted. "You must call it the Minor Fund building.

Mr. Lawson said that althongh it had been decided that boycotting was offense, he did not think they would be prosecuted if they boycotted the Mary Hall house.

Mr. J. W. Freeman said he believed that 50,000 of the 60,000 colored people were opposed to the proposed use of this building. The very ground he said was cursed.

Mr. Chase; Mr. Douglass the question is not that we oppose the missionary work that is going on, but we protest against the color line and discrimination against us.

Mr. Douglass; neither do I favor the establishment of a school there.

Mr. Chase; then what do you favor, Mr. Douglass?

At this junction, Rev. Walter Brooks claimed the floor but the chair recognized Mr. Moore, afterwhich Rev. Walter Brooks made a most eloquent speech in opposition to the Mary Hall building. He said that the good books says, "evil communications corrupt good morals" and while he was matured enough to go where he pleases, he did not think that children were. Speeches were also made by Revs. W. J. Howard and W. H. Draper. Both protested against the establishment of the school in Mary Hall's house.

Mr. Chase called for the previous question which was the report of the committee and the amendment offered by him.

Mr. Douglass said that he did not know that Mr. Chase's amendment was to be adopted with the report. The chair said it was.

Mr. Douglass; Mr. Chairman I then withdraw my name from the report.

Mr. Chase, said, while it is well known that Mr. Douglass is one of the trustees of the Minor fund and withdraws his name because an amendment is adopted which requests the people what to do, amounts to but little, when there are from 60 to 70 thousand colored people who will endorse the action of this meeting and approve of the amendment, Mr. Douglass to the contrary notwithstanding.—(Applause.)

Ex School Trustee John H. Brooks said that it was nothing but prejudice that caused the giving up of the Miller building, and it was a discrimination on account of prejudice, which he charged to the Commissioners. He did not believe that Mr. Douglass was speaking as himself, but rather as the attorney of the Minor board.

The resolutions were then adopted, and when Mr. Douglass learned that Mr. Chase's amendment was included he withdrew his vote. The committee was appointed as follows: Revs. R. S. Williams, W. H. Draper, Jos. Collins, Noble Snowden, Jesse Lawson, W. J. Howard and Sydney W. Herbert.

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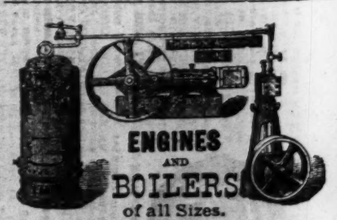

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SATURDAY, Nov. 26, 1887

Locals.

W. C. Costin, died at the insane asylum Wednesday evening.

The *Eight* Anniversary of the *Capital City* Guard will be celebrated Wednesday December 7th.

The hop at the Copital City Guard Armory Thursday night was slimly attended.

The Y. M. B. A. of E. Washington, gave a grand reception at Whithafer hall 3rd and B sts., last week.

Mrs. Williams gave a very delightful soiree at her home 406 C st. n. e., in honor of the Misses Nelson, Wednesday.

The United Sisters gave an exhibition drill Thursday and Friday evenings at the Mt. Jezreel Baptist church.

The reception at the Cadet Armory last Thursday was largely attended. There were fully 500 people present.

The Golden Sedaliars of Ebenezer church gave a High Tea at 326 G st. Thursday evening which was in every particular a grand affair.

The funeral of Mrs. Lewis was largly attended at her late home 505 D st., n. e. Tuesday at 2 o'clock, p. m. Rev. Bishop Johnson officiating.

The Oriole at Willard hall Thanksgiving was largely attended. The Oriole will continue all next week. The Capital City Guard will visit there Monday evening at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. M. Brown gave a very delightful soiree at her home 407 13th st., last Monday. Among those present were Misses L. Smith N. Dade, L. Benseman, Mr. Frank Howard, P. Butler, and Wm. Stewart.

Grand entertainment by the Ladies Testimonial Flag committee. Secure invitation by applying to members of the committee. Mrs. L. I. Hawkesworth, Pres., Misses H. D. Handy, Sect., C. A. Patterson, Treas., Nettie Smallwood, Lottie Thomkins, Pet Freeman and others.

Miss Cherrie B. Vogelsang, of Annapolis, Md., is in the city the guest of that most aimable lady, Miss Florence M. Williams, 1138 16th st., n. w. Miss Vogelsang is from one of the most aristocratic and best known families in Maryland. She will remain the guest of Miss Williams for several days.

The exercises at the Asbury Sabbath School Lyceum Sunday afternoon, were quite interesting. The paper read by Miss K. R. Martin, was very good, as also were the solos of Misses A. M. Smith and Sarah Taylor. The subject of Miss Martin's paper was, the Church and the children. These exercises take place every Sunday afternoon.

The reception of the Fraternal Social club last week was a grand success. The music by Prof. Krause was excellent. Mr. W. Calvin Chase, on behalf of the club presented Capt. Arthur Brooks with a purse, from the club, for his excellence in the manual of arms. Capt. Brooks made a most timely response in accepting the purse, which received the applause of the several hundred present. Several requests have been made for a repetition of their reception which is being considered by the members.

Mrs. Carrie Payne, of California dinned with Mrs. L. Chase Thanksing. Mrs. Payne is the guest of her parents in Alexandria, Va. She will leave for California about January 1st.

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THE FLAG PRESENTATION.

The ladies in charge of the proposed Flag Presentation to be made to the Washington Cadet Corps have arranged for an evening entertainment to be held at the Cadets Armory on Friday evening, Dec. 2nd '87. All the friends of the organization desirious of assisting the ladies in this laudable undertaking are cordially invited. A very attractive Program has been arranged, and the music will be rendered by Prof. Smallwoods orchestra. The programme contains several several exquisito pieces never before performed in this city. The entertainment is bound to be a success in the hands of its present lady managers and on account of its object.

MASONIC NOTES.

Sunday afternoon, P. G. M., Dr. Geo. W. Brooks, of the M. W. G. L., of F. A. A. M., of the D. C., and member of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and Grand Consistory of Schotish Rite masons, of the D. C., was burried from Isrel Bethel church with full masonic honors.

Tuesday evening, the W. G M. brother John H. Lee, and Grand officers of the M. W. G. L., of F. A. A. M., of the D. C, made their annual visitation to J F. Cook lodge No. 10, F. A. A. M. They found the lodge in a good condition, and departed much pleased with their visit. J. F. Cook lodge, will on the 2nd Tuesday of December, confer the third degree on two candidates. All brethren are cordially invited.

THE SAPLING.

Noble Sapling, boldly standing,
O must I now cut thee down?
How like mortals thou remindest,
Strug'ling for the Worlds' renown.

Like a youth with heart ambitions,
Aiming higher to excel,
But when trouble 'fore him rising,
Sadly bids to hopes farewell.

Thus thou art, O noble Sapling!
Shooting forth thy boughs each day;
Living through the storm and sunshine;
Bending 'fore the North winds' sway.

High and lofty 'bove thy fellows,
Soon to be a mighty oak,
O must I then raise this gleaming
Axe, and give the fatal stroke?

No, I shall not! no, I will not!
Wield 'gainst thee this heartless strife;
Thus before God, I now bid thee,
Noble Sapling, keep thy life!

ROBT. E. FORD.

SOUTH WASHINGTON NEWS.

(Office 316 H Street, s. w., R. S. LAWS, Manager.)

Dr. Laws has returned from Pittsburg, Pa. He gives a good account of his visit to that place.

The funeral of Mrs. Edward Thornton, aunt of Rev. Wm. J. Howard, will take place Sunday morning.

The amendment of editor William Calvin Chase, to the committee resolutions on the Mary Hall building, is the most favorable talk of the day, and the universal sentiment of South Washington, where about 26000 of the colored citizens are located, is that it will be carried out to the letter and spirit.

NATHANIEL SPRAGUE.

A SUCCESSFUL REALESTATE MAN. NO SUCCESS WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

It is a true saying, that there is no success without opposition and abuse. To make a man succeed, is to abuse and oppose him Among this class of abused men will be found Mr Nathaniel Sprague, the son-in-law of ex Recorder Fred. Douglass. Mr. Sprague was born a slave in Maryland, and when made free, he went to a little town in New York where he was hired by Mr. Douglass, and while in his employment he married Mr. Douglass daughter, who taught him how to read and write. After which, he inlisted in the 54th Massachusetts as a private, where he remained two years.

He went home and bought a farm on which he worked two years, afterwhich he commenced to buy cattle. Finding this life somewhat hard, he entered the realestate business in Rochester, New York, he bought lots and builded houses. He owns property in Arnolds Park, in one of the most popular neighborhoods in the place. He still owns property in Rochester, New York. He came to this city 11 years ago and was employed by Mrs. Catherine Sprague Chase to do business for her which he did until within three years ago. He is doing a good business at 524, 10th st. n. w., in this city. His office is fitted up in first class style and has sufficient business to employ a clerk and type writer. He is an eye sore to quite a number of prejudiced real estate men in this city, and not withstanding the great opposition to him, he is succeeding. As a business man, there are none to excell him.

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WEST WASHINGTON NEWS

Agents, Capt. Wm. Neale, 1706 32nd St., Joseph Lewis, 1417 28th Street.

The funeral services of Mrs. Carter took place last Sunday from the the Mt. Zion Church. Rev. Robinson officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Neal, were presented with a fine boy last Sunday.

The Williams family visited Mr. and Mrs. Obrien last eve'g.

Miss Rosa Belt gave a pleasant parlor social at her residence on Frederick street.

The entertainment given by the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 4, was a grand success.

Rev. R. H. Robinson, pastor of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, will preach a series of sermons on the Book of Daniel, commencing to-morrow morning. Mr. Robinson is an able man, and has been selected to deliver the Quarter Century sermon before the next Washington Conference of the M. E. Church.

The services at Mount Zion Church last Sunday were very interesting. The pastor preached in the morning and Rev. Waters at night. The services Thanksgiving night were also very good. The S. S. was presented with a fine library.

The pipe organ concert which was to have been given by Mt. Zion Church, has been postponed indefinitely.

SCATTERED NOTES.

FOR THE WASHINGTON BEE BY MAGNUS L. ROBINSON.

(No 606 St. Asaph street Alexandria Va. Nov. 25th 1887.)

Thanksgiving was duly observed in our ancient borough. We gave thanks with old fashioned Virginia corn bread, meat and cabbage. Our Turkey roosted high on that day, it was beyond our reach but we looked forward to Christmas.

Before the BEE emerges from its cosy hive again, with its ever busy hum of intelligence and sparkling sprays of newsy notes December will be ushered in. Old and young will then be engaged in counting the days to that happy festival of all festivals, the anniversary of the birth of Jesus the Savior of man.

Dr. B. T. Tanner was born on Christmas day. A lucky omen to the A. M E. church.

The New York *Age* takes the New Orleans *Stanard* to task, for asserting that "there are only six colored churches in New York city." The AGE says, New York has ten (?) churches. Great Scott! The colored people of the great city of New York only worsipping in ten churches. That accounts for the depravity existing in certain classes in New York, and pity the misfortune of the people, with ten (?) churches. New York contains also ONE newspaper kept alive by the charity of the world, after being burn twice. Now you see it, and now you don't.

It is reported by the Virginia correspondent of the National Republican, that an effort will be made to depose Hon. John M. Langston from the presidency of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, upon the assembling of the Virginia Legislature. The legislature has nothing to do with the election of the Institute officers. The term of said officers are rested in the board of education composed of the Governer, Supt. of Public Instruction and Secretary of the state, and board of visitors. Well, if he is deposed, the colored sovereign of the old fourth district ought to send him to congress. Prof. Langston would make a Capital Congressman.

Mt. Vernan avenue, the grand national highway from Washington to the tomb of the father of our country, will be shortly opened to the public. It will enter our city at Madison street, with the revival of shipbuilding. The Pocahontas room, and the national drive. Old Alexandria will wake up and set its house in order.

Mr. M. M. Hollord has filed his brief in the case of George N. Bally for house breaking. It is a great judicial document.

The star of Bethlehem is visible to the naked eye, now just before daylight. It will soon disappear no more to be seen for three hundred years. Rise early and behold the star that led the wise men to the east.

Staunton's vigilant republican canvasser, Capt. Fred. Dillard votes Though we have been snowed under in Augusta county, we have carried the old 10th District by 200 majority, which will carry us into the fight next fall with colors flying and victory assured.

Hon. L. W. Corbett, the successor to Judge Stuart, writes: we have indeed won a signal victory in the face of a most powerful opposition and our friends have reason to congratulate themselves.

If all men would judge other men's actions, by the rules that govern their own, they would find less grounds to censure their neighbors. This applies to politics as well as in other matters. There is a class of men in this world, who claim to have a right to commit acts themselves but censure others for committing the same thing. With a very large "beam" in their own eyes, they can see very distinctly the mote that they assert is in the other fellow's optic.

Rev. John Jasper of Richmond, is still engaged preaching: "The sun do move."

A man with two mouths is being exibited in Philadelphia, and the strangest thing about him is, that he is not a politician It is not the ADVOCATE editor, for he is from Virginia.

A steer in Zacatecas, Mexico, irritated by a woman's scarlet dress, rushed at her, and tossed her sky high. She alighted on the ground on the other side of the wall, and the springs of her bustle caused her to rebound, without injury to her person.

Next years presidental contest is going to be one of the greatest fights that our political history has ever known. No man can foretel the result. Clevelands administration may yet be consumed, though he has put out the SPARKS.

Baltimore has 11,608 colored voters, Washington and the Southern states boasts of million voters, but they are not counted.

A COLORED LAWYER INSULTS A LADY.

HE CARRIES HER TO A BEER SALOON AND ATTEMPTS TO HUG HER. HE SLANDERS THE LADIES.

One of the colored lawyers who practices before the Police Court in this city, called at the residence of a lady on 11th street above P n. w., who is married and came to this city from New York on a visit and asked her and her sister in the company of another gentleman who is said to work in the Pension office, to walk on 14th st. where there is a restaurant or a saloon, and on being invited in, the lawyer asked the married lady what she wanted, or requested her to take beer as the proprieter did not keep anything else. The lady informed him that she didn't drink beer, at anyrate, he called for four bottles and is said to have drunk it all, in a few minutes he no doubt felt lively, and attempted to hug the lady in a very improper manner, which caused her to become very indignant. The lawyer is reported to have said, Madam I beg your pardon, you are the first woman, married or single, who has ever gotten the best of me since I have been in this city. In reply the lady said, that she wanted him to understand that she was married and had a husband living, and when he (the lawyer) called at her house and asked her to go out: she considered him to be a gentleman. The end is not yet.

This article should have appeared several weeks ago, but on account of the absence of the ladie's husband from home on her arrival in New York, the publication was delayed. Last week a letter was received from the ladie's husband stating that she had written to the lawyer but no reply to his letter has as yet been received. The gentleman will be in the city in a few days' and in concluding his letter he says: I propose to fight this thing to the bitter end. I want to show him that there are some respectable colored women in the world who have husbands and are not afraid to protect their rights. The *Bee* herewith states, that the lady is from one of the oldest and highly respected families in this city, and her husband is a gentleman of influance in New York, and in a very few days, things will be made lively for the colored lawyer.

At the time the lady made the complaint to the BEE, she was very much effected and chagrined at the insult offered her.

A CARD.

November 23rd, '87.

Editor Bee:—

Sir:

In view of the fact that many of our patrons are severely criticising us for the disgraceful actions of James A. Payne at our reception the 18th inst, at the Cadets armory, we beg leave to inform the public through the columns of your paper that Mr. Payne is not a member of the "Fraternals" having been expelled Oct. 8th, '87 and while we depreciate his actions on the evening in question, we are in no way responsible for them and trust that our friends and the public will not so hold us.

J. A. Crowner, Chairman Executive committee.

The following have been expelled: C. A. Clarke, J. A. Payne, E. L. Webster, R. S. Camper.

MR. PAYNE'S CARD.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25th, '87.

To the editor of the Bee:—

In reply to the statements made by the members of the Fraternal social club, that I was expelled from the club and that I created a fuss at their reception on Friday night the 18th inst., are false. I made no disturbance at all. They have failed to make mention of others who really made the disturbance, but they are inclined to throw the whole of the responsibility on me. It is a fact that this club had whiskey and punch on sale and I partook of the latter, but not so much that would warrant an attempt to blast my reputation. I was not expelled from the club, but resigned because the business of the club was losely conducted. The special officer and others are the parties responsible for the whole affair. I will admit however, that I may have been responsible for a little excitement that was created by others.

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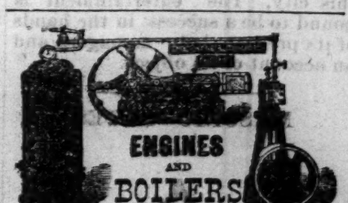

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